



**Data Sharing and Intellectual Capital Working Group – Proprietary Team Teleconference  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 2:00 P.M. EDT**

**MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Review of key points and highlights from last DSIC WG teleconference
- B. Discuss format for position papers.
- C. Organize a process for assessing needs and objectives of other caBIG working groups and workspaces. (Format for use cases is in development by DSIC WG Regulatory Team.)
- D. Develop a working list of definitions:
  - License
  - Software
  - Data
  - Biospecimens
- D. Discuss the range of potential license/sharing standards for sharing software, data and biospecimens.
  - Ex: NCI Center for Bioinformatics (NCICB) caBIO License
- E. Next meeting



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**Meeting Minutes:**

Attendees: Pat Harsche-Weeks; Carol Bult; Amin Chisti; Mark Watson; Vincent Yau; Lana O'Brien; Nina Ossanna; Jack London; Mike Becich; Leslie Derr; Wendy Patterson; Phan Winter

A. Pat wrapped up the key points from the last DSIC WG teleconference:

- Two topic teams are starting to develop outlines for position papers, using a standard template.
- Each team will coordinate an effort to solicit use cases from other WS/WG. A Regulatory Team member is developing a template for scenarios.

B. Pat confirmed with team members that everyone has seen the “format for position papers” template document that Phan had send out with an email on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

C. Phan updated the team on status of the use case/scenarios template – Bob Robbins has been working on a draft, which will be distributed to both the Proprietary Team and Regulatory Team as soon as he makes it available.

**Key discussion points on use case development:**

- Logistics of use case solicitation activities – ICR WS was brought up as a case where each SIG should be approached. Names of contacts for each SIG are posted on the caBIG website, whom the Proprietary Team should approach to collect information.
- Mark Watson mentioned that the Tissue Banks and Pathology Tools workspace is developing a use case document that will likely include a section on data sharing. This document may be completed by December, and can be made available to DSIC-Proprietary Team.
- Legal expertise may become important to better understand the advantages and disadvantages of sharing both from the legal and user perspective. Rebecca Eisenberg from University of Michigan was suggested as someone who is knowledgeable about IP issues related to data release but probably not software licensing issues.
- An ABA (American Bar Association) subcommittee is developing a white paper that on open source software which could be a useful source of expertise for the team. Wendy will keep the team updated on the progress of these efforts.
- To address License and Software use cases, Pat took the lead and others volunteered to form a committee: Pat, Wendy, and Vincent. This committee will work within the framework of the caBIG contract terms, which states requirements for deliverable software. Additional concerns can then be added on top of these contractual provisions. The Team agreed that only after these concerns have been identified should a license be recommended for use. There was general consensus that it is necessary to have a license in place before sharing could proceed in caBIG.
- For data release use cases, Carol and Lana volunteered to explore these issues.
- A subject related to data – Provenance/Attribution – was brought up, but no one volunteered to address it. *(This issue may be addressed under the Data Release Position Paper.)*
- For biospecimens use cases, the committee to address this subject includes Mark, Nina, Pat, Jack and Mike.



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- Wendy clarified the role of Proprietary Team and Regulatory Team with respect to data sharing:
  - The Regulatory Team focuses on patient protection regulations and policies that may impose impediments to sharing
  - The Proprietary Team focuses on challenges and potential impediments from participant investigators and institutions, and their collaborators, who may wish to assert intellectual property rights, such as patents and copyrights.

D. Pat will initiate a working list of definitions. All team members will send to Phan their list of terms that they would like to have defined within one week. Pat, Wendy and Phan will work on definitions for a compiled list of terms.

E. Phan will send out a publication policy document for the DSIC WG to review and comment, and will serve as a person to whom everyone can send their input.

F. The Team decided that the November 11<sup>th</sup> teleconference should be reserved for the Proprietary Team meeting, not the general DSIC WG meeting. Phan suggested that this meeting be announced to the whole group. Non-team members may attend, but the agenda will focus on Proprietary team activities. The meeting after that will be on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 P.M. EST.